
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Agricultural Water Quality Coalitions
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REVIEW OF NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY WORK GROUP

Thank you for submitting the 13 March 2015 description of the Nitrogen Management Plan Technical Advisory Work Group (NMP Work Group) convened by the Central Valley Water Quality Coalitions (CV Coalitions). The NMP Work Group is being convened to develop a "Crop Nitrogen Knowledge Gap Study Plan", as required¹ in my 19 February 2015 letter.

Based on the submitted description, the purpose, the timeline, and the questions and issues to be addressed by the NMP Work Group are appropriate for assessing knowledge gaps that need to be filled to allow calculation of a nitrogen ratio in the Nitrogen Management Plans. In addition to the confirmed and envisioned Work Group participants, the composition of the Work Group or the Work Group process must provide opportunity for public input and for Central Valley Water Board involvement. Therefore, to receive approval of the NMP Work Group as described, the following information must be submitted by **27 May 2015**:

- Organization chart of the Work Group, including the lead,
- Description of how interested public will be able to provide input, and
- Proposed schedule and mechanism for regular discussions with staff, or participation of staff at Work Group meetings.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact Sue McConnell at (916) 464-4798.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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¹ The Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Third-party Group Orders provide the Executive Officer with the authority to require preparation of technical reports to address information gaps: R5-2012-0116 (section VIII.I.); R5-2013-0120 (section VIII.J.); R5-2014-0001 (section VIII.J.); R5-2014-0002 (section VIII.I.); R5-2014-0029 (section VIII.I.); R5-2014-0030 (section VIII.J.).

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